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Although there is a rumor in China that MAO Tse-tung has promised to send five million laborers to the USSR, there is no evidence in East China that this rumor is correct. Large numbers of laborers have been sent, however, to Northeast and Northwest China. In October 1950, the Shanghai Labor Bureau recruited approximately 30,000 laborers whom it sent to Manchuria in December 1950. Each laborer was promised 16 catties of rice per day as wages. Between January and late May 1951, Shanghai authorities registered 200,000 laborers as a so-called measure to solve the unemployment problem. By 1 August all of these had been sent to the Northeast and Northwest for cultivation work.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. In July 1951, young prisoners from Kwantung were reported en route to Siberia to perform hard labor in accordance with a Sino-Soviet agreement; another report implied that there are five labor camps in the USSR for Chinese. See also [REDACTED]

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